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SUBJECT: METI ROTATIONS YIELD NO SURPRISES

1. (SBU) METI's annual rotations, announced on July 4 and effective July 10, yielded no surprises. As expected, current Economic and Industrial Policy Bureau Director General (DG) Takao Kitabata will succeed Hideji Sugiyama as Administrative Vice Minister. Trade Policy Bureau DG Toshiaki Kitamura will take over for International Affairs Vice Minister Kazumasa Kusaka. Sugiyama and Kusaka will both retire as will Nobuyori Kodaira, DG of the Agency for Natural Resources and Energy (ANRE). The rest of the change in line up is as follows, with previous positions in brackets:

Minister's Secretariat:
Kazuo Matsunaga (DG, Minister's Secretariat Policy Coordination)

Economic & Industrial Policy Bureau
Takashi Suzuki (Dep. Vice Min., Minister's Secretariat)

Trade Policy Bureau
Masakazu Toyoda (DG, Commerce and Information Policy)

Industrial Science, Technology and Environment Bureau
Yasutoshi Kojima (Counsellor, Defense Agency)

Manufacturing Industries Bureau
Tetsuhiro Hosono (ANRE DG, Natural Energy and Resources Policy)

Commerce and Information Policy Bureau
Masahiro Koezuka (DG, Industrial Science, Technology and Environment)

Trade and Economic Cooperation Bureau
no change

ANRE
Harufumi Mochizuki (DG, Small and Medium Enterprise Agency)

Small and Medium Enterprise Agency
Hiroyuki Ishige (DG, Manufacturing Industrial)
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